# **EXHIBIT B**

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13 Image page(s) exists for this entry ORDER OF COURT DATED DECEMBER 16 2019 UPON REVIEWING PLAINTIFF'S PETITION FOR EX PARTE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER DATED DECEMBER 12 2019 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT PLAINTIFF'S PETITION FOR EX PARTE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ARE DENIED IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT A HEARING AS TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER SHALL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 23 2019 AT 2:30 PM FILED. BY TODD M SPONSELLER JUDGE. 2 Image page(s) exists for this entry

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STACEY L SCHUMADER vs. FRED WALLS (et al.)

Case Number 2019-4895

# SHERIFF'S RETURN OF SERVICE

12/17/2019 Advance Fee

12/18/2019 10:50 AM - SERGEANT BENJAMIN SITES, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSES AND SAYS. AN ATTEMPT TO SERVE THE COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION (CICA) TO FRED WALLS AT 8048 LINCOLN WAY WEST, SAINT THOMAS, PA 17257 WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

12/18/2019 11:11 AM - SERGEANT BENJAMIN SITES, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSES AND SAYS, THE COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION (CICA) WAS SERVED PERSONALLY TO EDWARD WELLS AT 1881 SCOTLAND ROAD, CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201.

BENJAMIN SITES, SERGEANT

12/19/2019 12:55 PM - DEPUTY RICHARD J. CUTCHALL, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSES AND SAYS, THE COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION (CICA) WAS SERVED PERSONALLY TO FRED WALLS AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, 157 LINCOLN WAY EAST, CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201, FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

RICHARD J. CUTCHALL, DEPUTY

12/27/2019 Closed By: RDM

SO ANSWERS.

December 27, 2019

JAMES W. BROWN, SHERIFF

DATE	CATEGORY	MEMO	CHK#	DEBIT	CREDIT
2/17/2019	Advance Fee	Advance Fee	8D14	\$0.00	\$150.00
12/17/2019	Docket & Return			\$9.00	\$0.00
12/17/2019	Service			\$15.00	\$0.00
12/17/2019	Surcharge			\$20.00	\$0.00
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiffs,

No. 2019-4895

V.

Thomas Alan Linzey, in his Individual and Official Capacities; Tammy Belinsky, in her Individual and Office Capacities; Fred Walls, in his Individual and Official Capacities; Edward Wells, in his Individual and Official Capacities; Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund and the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights,

Defendants.

# **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Defendants Tammy Belinsky, Fred Walls, Edward Wells and Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

KAUFMAN DOLOWICH & VOLUEK, LLP

Christopher J. Tellner, Esquire Attorney for Defendants

Tammy Belinsky, Fred Walls, Edward Wells and Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

Dated: January 2, 2020

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

No. 2019-4895

Defendants.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher J. Tellner, Esquire, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of my Entry of Appearance on behalf of Defendants Tammy Belinsky, Fred Walls, Edward Wells and Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund was served via Electronic and First-Class, U.S., Mail, postage prepaid upon all Counsel of record listed below.

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# ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Defendants Tammy Belinsky, Fred Walls, Edward Wells and Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund in the above-captioned matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

KAUFMAN DOLOWICH & VOLUCK, LLP

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

No. 2019-4895

Defendants.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Gregory F. Brown, Esquire, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of my Entry of Appearance on behalf of Defendants Tammy Belinsky, Fred Walls, Edward Wells and Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund was served via Electronic and First-Class, U.S., Mail, postage prepaid upon all Counsel of record listed below.

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Defendants	)	

# MOTION FOR TRANSFER TO ALTERNATIVE JUDGE FOR HEARING ON AN EMERGENCY INJUNCTION

Plaintiffs, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby file the instant Motion for Transfer to an Alternative Judge for a Hearing on an Emergency Injunction.

- Plaintiffs initiated this action by filing a Complaint for Permanent Injunctive Relief and Motion for Preliminary Injunction on December 12, 2019.
- 2. The case was assigned to the Honorable Todd M. Sponseller.
- Judge Sponseller scheduled a hearing on the emergency injunction for Monday,
   December 23, 2019.
- 4. Due to the unavailability of Plaintiffs' counsel, Plaintiffs requested that the hearing be rescheduled for early January 2020.
- 5. The Court advised that Judge Sponseller does not have any availability until March 2020.

Given the nature of the matter and the need for a early hearing on the Temporary
 Restraining Order, Plaintiffs will be prejudiced if the hearing is not able to be scheduled until March of 2020.

7. As such, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this matter be transferred to another Judge in this Court, and a hearing be scheduled for early January. In that regard, Plaintiffs are available on January 3, 2019, but any date in early January would allow the matter to be timely heard.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court grant their Motion for Transfer to an Alternative Judge for Hearing on an Emergency Injunction.

By:

Respectfully Submitted,

**KOLLER LAW LLC** 

Dated: December 23, 2019

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Counsel for Plaintiffs

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Nicholson, Kai Huschke, Markie Miller,	)	CIVIL DIVISION
Malinda Clatterbuck, Michelle Sanborn,	)	
Crystal Jankowski,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	No. 2019-4895
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Capacities; Edward Wells, in his Individual	)	
and Official Capacities; Community	)	
Environmental Legal Defense Fund and the	)	
Center for Democratic and Environmental	)	
Rights,	)	
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Defendants.	)	

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, David Koller, hereby certify that on December 23, 2019, a true and correct copy of the Motion for Transfer to an Alternative Judge for Hearing on an Emergency Injunction was filed with Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County.

A copy of the Motion was sent by first-class mail to the counsel named below:

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Dated: December 23, 2019

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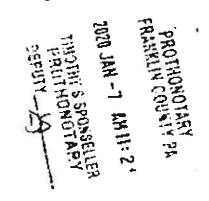
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# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Stacey L. Schmader, et al.,	16.	
Plaintiffs.	:	Civil Division
VS.	1:	2019-4895
Thomas Alan Linzey, in his individual and Official Capacities, et al.		
Defendant.		

# PRAECIPE FOR ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

## TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Dated: January 6, 2020

Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Defendant, Thomas Alan Linzey, in his official capacity, in connection with the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully,

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Praecipe for Entry of Appearance* was served via U.S. First Class Mail, postage prepaid, and electronic mail this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, upon the following Counsel of record:

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Stacey L. Schmader, et al.,	:	
Plaintiffs.	:	Civil Division
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Case Type: Civil Law

v.

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Capacities; Edward Wells, in his Individual :
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Environmental Legal Defense Fund; and the :
Center for Democratic and Environmental :
Rights, :

Defendants

Case No.: 2019-4895

Judge: Todd M. Sponseller

# ORDER OF COURT

NOW COMES THE COURT THIS 23 day of December, 2019, Sua Sponte, AND HEREBY ORDERS that the hearing as to Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, scheduled to take place on December 23, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. is. CONTINUED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on 2019 at 3:00 A.M. (P.M. in Courtroom # 3, Franklin County Courthouse, Chambersburg, PA 17201. All parties shall be in attendance and be prepared to present evidence in favor of their respective positions.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Pa. R.C.P. 236(a)(2)(b) and (d), the Prothonotary shall immediately give written notice of the entry of this Order, including a copy of this Order, to each party's attorney of record, or if unrepresented, to each party; and shall note in the docket the giving of such notice and the time and manner thereof.

By the Court,

JUDGE TOOD M. SPONSELLER

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Judge: Todd M. Sponseller

# ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_/ day of December, 2019, upon reviewing Plaintiff's Petition For Ex Parte Preliminary Injunction and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, dated December 12, 2019.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Petition for Ex Parte Preliminary Injunction and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order are DENIED;

IT 1S FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing as to Plaintiff's *Motion for Temporary*Restraining Order shall be held on December 23, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. in Courtroom #\_3\_\_.

Franklin County Courthouse, Chambersburg, PA 17201. All parties shall be in attendance and be prepared to present evidence in favor of their respective positions.

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### **ORDER**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2019, in consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order, it is hereby decreed and Ordered as follows:

- 1. Effective immediately as of the date of this Order, all Defendants must immediately cease all steps to dissolve and wind up CELDF, as well as desist from undertaking any steps or proceedings that impair or circumvent CELDF's continued operations, including transferring CELDF assets to the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights and/or any other organization with which Linzey is affiliated.
- Effective as of the date of this Order, all Defendants, as well as any corporate officers, employees, former employees, relatives, agents and any persons working in concert with Mr. Linzey either at CELDF and/or at the Center for Democratic and Environmental

Rights, must immediately cease from soliciting CELDF donors to contribute resources to the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights and must immediately cease disparaging CELDF.

- 3. Effective as of the date of this Order, all Defendants must immediately cease from terminating any CELDF staff absent a showing of just cause and must honor and renew employment contracts of all individuals whose work is necessary for the continued operation of CELDF, and immediately reinstate all employment contracts that will expire during the course of this litigation, may expire during the litigation, and renew those that have expired since the Board's vote to dissolve.
- 4. Effective as of the date of this Order, all Defendants are refrained from assisting or effectuating in any way the receipt, possession, ownership and control of any monetary assets formerly owned by CELDF to the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights or to any Defendants.
- Defendant Linzey and Defendant Board Members are to immediately resign from CELDF and/or its Board in every and any capacity.

BY THE COURT:

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ATTORNEYS ARE LICENSED IN PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY

December 12, 2019

Via Hand Delivery

Office of the Prothonotary Franklin County Court of Common Pleas 157 Lincoln Way East Chambersburg, PA 17201

Re: Schmader et al. v. Thomas Alan Linzev et al.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing are the civil cover sheet, Notice to Defend, Complaint, Memorandum of Law, Petition for Preliminary Injunction and a proposed Order. A check for the filing fee of \$110.75 will be sent by overnight mail today along with a copy of all documents to be time-stamped and returned to our office and a return envelope for those documents.

If you have any questions, please call Colleen Tannenbaum in my office, 215-545-8917.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

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Enclosures

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## MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, TEMPORARY, PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Schmader, O'Dell, Nicholson, Huschke, Miller, Clatterbuck, Sanborn and Jankowski, Plaintiffs and Movants, hereby submits this Memorandum of Law in support of its Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, and Preliminary and Permanent Injunction, pursuant to Rule 1531 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure.

### A. Matter Before the Court

Plaintiffs have filed a verified complaint along with a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary and Permanent Injunction. Plaintiffs seek a TRO and injunctive relief to protect their legitimate business interests from the wrongful actions of the above named Defendants.

Specifically, Plaintiffs seek a TRO as follows:

Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Honorable Court issue an ex parte preliminary injunction:

- (a) enjoining Defendants from dissolving CELDF as well as undertaking any steps or proceedings that impair or circumvent CELDF's continued operations or fundraising, including transferring CELDF assets to the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights and/or any other organization with which Defendant Linzev is affiliated;
- (b) enjoining Defendant Linzey, any corporate officers, employees, agents and any persons working in concert with him either at CELDF and/or at the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights, from soliciting CELDF donors to contribute resources to the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights and further enjoining and preventing him and them from disparaging CELDF;
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- (d) enjoining the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights from the receipt, possession, ownership and control of any monetary assets formerly owned by CELDF.

# B. Statement of Question Involved

Question: Should a temporary restraining order be issued where Defendants are in clear violation of the law as described in the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and the Verified Complaint initiating this action?

Suggested Answer: Yes

# C. Facts in Support of Motion

Contemporaneously herewith, Plaintiffs filed their verified Complaint in this case. A true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' verified Complaint (without exhibits) is attached to this Injunction Motion package as Exhibit "1", and the allegations of the Complaint are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length.

## D. Legal Argument

A restraining order and injunctive relief are necessary and appropriate because (1) the Plaintiff has a clear right to relief, and (2) the need for relief is immediate. The circumstances of this case satisfy the well-settled criteria for injunctive relief. Willman v. Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, 505 Pa. 263, 269, 479 A.2d 452, 454 (1984); Bell v. Thornburgh, 491 Pa. 263, 240 A.2d 443 (1980). Equity is appropriate to enforce property rights where money damages alone are inadequate. Kramer v. Slattery, 260 Pa. 234, 103 A. 610 (1918); Straup v. Times Herald, 283 Pa. Super. 58, 67, 423 A.2d 713, 718 (1980); McBurnie v. Grohol, 55 D&C 2d 146, 150 (1972). An award of money damages alone is inadequate and insufficient to make Plaintiffs whole.

Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint with this Court against Thomas Linzev and the other Defendants captioned above ("Defendants"). A true and correct copy of the complaint is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth fully.

The Complaint seeks equitable relief to enjoin Defendants from taking actions to dissolve the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, fire its staff without cause, and transfer substantially all its assets to Defendant Linzey's new organization.

Under Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1531(a), a court may issue a preliminary or special injunction only after written notice and a hearing "unless it appears to the satisfaction of the court that immediate and irreparable injury will be sustained before notice can be given or a hearing held, in which case the court may issue a preliminary or special injunction without a hearing or without notice." Pa.R.C.P.1531(a).

Pa. R.C.P. No. 1531(a) thus authorizes this Honorable Court to issue an *ex parte* preliminary injunction because Plaintiffs would suffer immediate and irreparable injury before a full hearing could be held.

The "essential prerequisites for a preliminary injunction" that a plaintiff must show are:

(1) "that an injunction is necessary to prevent immediate and irreparable harm that cannot be adequately compensated by damages;" (2) "that greater injury would result from refusing an injunction than from granting it, and, concomitantly, that issuance of an injunction will not substantially harm other interested parties in the proceeding;" (3) "that a preliminary injunction will properly restore the parties to their status as it existed immediately prior to the alleged wrongful conduct;" (4) "that the activity it seeks to restrain is actionable, that its right to relief is clear, and that the wrong is manifest, or, in other words, must show that it is likely to prevail on the merits;" (5) that the injunction sought is reasonably suited to abate the offending activity; and (6) that the injunction will not adversely affect the public interest.

Summit Towne Ctr., Inc. v. The Shoe Show of Rocky Mount., Inc., 573 Pa. 637, 646-47 (2003).

Here, a preliminary injunction is an appropriate and, indeed, essential remedy that will properly restore the status quo as it existed prior to Defendants' dissolution of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund and allow it to operate during the pendency of this litigation, including, but not limited to, fundraising, an essential component to its operation that Defendants seek to stop with its unlawful acts.

The first prerequisite is present: the challenged conduct threatens the very existence of CELDF and, as a one-of-a-kind charitable organization, no monetary damage could completely compensate for the harms to Plaintiffs of trying to replace the irreplaceable, as the Defendants current attempts to dissolve the corporation are such that without the immediate relief requested herein, the organization will not survive.

Should Defendant Linzey continue disparaging CELDF to other donors, this would imperil the goodwill of the organization and threaten its vitality; should Defendants board members continue with their proposed dissolution, CELDF would no longer exist.

Monetary damages are a woefully inadequate replacement for an organization that took 25 years to build.

The second element of a preliminary injunction here is self-evident: Defendants already have duties to care for and protect CELDF's reputation and success; an injunction asking Defendants to refrain from violating their existing obligations adds no additional hardship.

Defendants suffer no "substantial harm," or any to speak of, from a court order precluding Defendants from dissolving a fully functional and highly successful charitable organization. On the other hand, this dissolution would fundamentally destroy decades of experienced staff organizing in dozens of communities which have contributed to greater local participation in community affairs and decision-making. Dissolution and termination of

CELDF would further cause termination of Plaintiffs' employment, cause them financial difficulties and terminate their relationships with grassroots activists.

Prior to the separation compensation "parachute" proposed for Defendant Linzey, and attempts to divert CELDF funding to his directly competing organization, and the retaliatory firing of all CELDF staff, the *status quo* was that of a dedicated cadre of professionals working for a nonprofit that allowed them to pursue their shared passion.

The requested injunction would pause CELDF's dissolution and any threatened transfer of funds, allowing Plaintiffs to return their attention to their service.

The facts clearly satisfy the fourth factor of likelihood that Plaintiffs will succeed on the merits: Defendants breached fiduciary duties of loyalty and care by taking actions to benefit Defendant Linzey while purporting to act on behalf of the very organization whose demise they seek.

The fifth factor, that the injunction sought is reasonably suited to abate the offending activity, is satisfied. The offending activity is the dissolution and potential dismissal of staff by individuals who are in breach of their duties to the organization and in violation of the law; Plaintiffs are requesting this Court enjoin that very activity.

Finally, the sixth factor, that the injunction will not adversely affect the public interest, is also satisfied. The Pennsylvania Legislature, in enacting Pennsylvania's Nonprofit Law (15 Pa. Code § 5301), specified the duties of fiduciary responsibility and loyalty owed by directors and officers to the organization they represent. 15 PA C.S. § 5712. Here, to enjoin Defendants from continuing to breach those same fiduciary duties would be to uphold the public interest in good nonprofit governance.

Therefore, the Motion should be granted and the TRO and requested injunctive relief.

# E. Relief Requested

For the foregoing reasons, and as set forth in greater detail in the Motion and Complaint,
Plaintiffs are entitled to the injunctive relief requested. Plaintiffs respectfully request that the
Court grant the Motion and enter the injunctive relief requested, in the form of the Temporary
Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction Order included with Plaintiffs' Motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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